

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 18, 2003

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, and Forest

Absent: Alderman Thibault

Resolution:

“Amending the 2003 Community Improvement Program, authorizing, appropriating and transferring funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the 2003 CIP 511303, PAL Center Project.”

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to read by title only and it was so done.

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted that the Resolution ought to pass and be Enrolled.

Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing The Issuance of Bonds and Notes for Demolishing the existing Derryfield Golf Course Club House and Constructing, Originally Equipping and Furnishing a New Derryfield Golf Course Club House (\$2,300,000), Authorizing the Execution of a Management Agreement between the City and BLL Restaurant, Inc. for the Operation of the new Derryfield Golf Course Club House and Authorizing the Mayor and Any other Designee Thereof to take any and all Other Actions to Accomplish the Purposes of this Resolution.”

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to read the Bond Resolution by title only and it was so done.

Alderman Osborne moved that the Bond Resolution ought to pass and lay over. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. Mayor Baines called for a vote. The motion carried with Alderman DeVries being duly recorded in opposition.

Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases up to the Aggregate Principal Amount of One Hundred Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000), Which May Be Issued As General Obligation Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases, Municipal Revenue Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases or Any Combination of the Foregoing as the Mayor and Finance Officer May Determine, to Finance Costs Associated with the Manchester Schools Improvement Program and for the Payment of all Other Costs Incidental and Related Thereto.”

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta, it was voted to table this Bond Resolution.

Budget Authorizations:

410803	VAWA
511303	PAL Center

Mayor Baines asked what is VAWA.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered Violence Against Women.

Alderman O'Neil moved to approve the authorizations subject to final adoption of related resolutions. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Gatsas on the VAWA budget authorization I noticed that it is only for salary and wages and no fringe benefits. Does that mean the City is going to pick up that cost?

Mr. MacKenzie responded I don't have an answer, your Honor. We do get the information from the Police Department. I think it should include benefits. I don't think it is critical to start this up at this moment. Do you want us to investigate why there are no benefits?

Alderman Gatsas moved to table the VAWA budget authorization pending further information. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Baines called for a vote. The motion carried with Aldermen O'Neil, Guinta and Wihby being duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Gatsas stated I am looking at the program initiation and completion dates. It starts in 01/03 and it is to be completed by 12/31/03. We are nine months...we only have nine months left in this project. How many employees are we talking about and what is going to happen after the Federal grant expires on 12/31?

Mayor Baines stated we could have Chief Driscoll come to the next meeting and explain it further. There is no harm in letting that lay over.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion to approve the CIP 511303 PAL Center budget authorization. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee